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SENATE BILL 1007

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 33-1248, 33-1258, 33-1804 AND 33-1805, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS AND PLANNED COMMUNITIES.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 33-1248, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

33-1248. Open meetings: exceptions

- A. Notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, bylaws or other documents to the contrary, all meetings of the association and board of directors are open to all members of the association or any person designated by a member in writing as the member's representative and all members or designated representatives so desiring shall be permitted to attend and speak at an appropriate time during the deliberations and proceedings. The board may place reasonable time restrictions on those persons speaking during the meeting but shall permit a member or a member's designated representative to speak before the board takes formal action on an item under discussion in addition to any other opportunities to speak. The board shall provide for a reasonable number of persons to speak on each side of an issue. Any portion of a meeting may be closed only if that portion of the meeting is limited to consideration of one or more of the following:
- 1. Legal advice from an attorney for the board or the association. On final resolution of any matter for which the board received legal advice or that concerned pending or contemplated litigation, the board may disclose information about that matter in an open meeting except for matters that are required to remain confidential by the terms of a settlement agreement or judgment.
 - 2. Pending or contemplated litigation.
- 3. Personal, health and OR financial information about an individual member of the association, an individual employee of the association or an individual employee of a contractor for the association, INCLUDING RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PERSONAL, HEALTH OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION.
- 4. Matters relating to the job performance of, compensation of, health records of or specific complaints against an individual employee of the association or an individual employee of a contractor of the association who works under the direction of the association.
- B. Notwithstanding any provision in the condominium documents, all meetings of the association and the board shall be held in this state. A meeting of the association shall be held at least once each year. Special meetings of the association may be called by the president, by a majority of the board of directors or by unit owners having at least twenty-five per cent, or any lower percentage specified in the bylaws, of the votes in the association. Unless otherwise provided in the articles or the bylaws of the association, not fewer than ten nor more than fifty days in advance of any meeting of the unit owners, the secretary shall cause notice to be hand delivered or sent prepaid by United States mail to the mailing address of each unit or to any other mailing address designated in writing by the unit owner. The notice of any meeting of the unit owners shall state the time and

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place of the meeting. The notice of any special meeting of the unit owners shall also state the purpose for which the meeting is called, including the general nature of any proposed amendment to the declaration or bylaws, any changes in assessments that require approval of the unit owners and any proposal to remove a director or officer. The failure of any unit owner to receive actual notice of a meeting of the unit owners does not affect the validity of any action taken at that meeting.

- C. Unless otherwise provided in the articles or bylaws of the association, for meetings of the board of directors that are held after the termination of declarant control of the association, notice to unit owners of meetings of the board of directors shall be given at least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting by newsletter, conspicuous posting or any other reasonable means as determined by the board of directors. An affidavit of notice by an officer of the association is prima facie evidence that notice was given as prescribed by this section. Notice to unit owners of meetings of the board of directors is not required if emergency circumstances require action by the board before notice can be given. Any notice of a board meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting. The failure of any unit owner to receive actual notice of a meeting of the board of directors does not affect the validity of any action taken at that meeting.
- D. This section does not apply to timeshare plans or associations that are subject to chapter 20 of this title.
 - Sec. 2. Section 33-1258, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 33-1258. Association financial and other records; applicability
- A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, all financial and other records of the association shall be made reasonably available for examination by any member or any person designated by the member in writing as the member's representative. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT CHARGE A MEMBER OR ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE MEMBER IN WRITING FOR MAKING MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE TEN BUSINESS DAYS TO FULFILL A REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION. ON REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF COPIES OR RECORDS BY ANY MEMBER OR ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE MEMBER IN WRITING AS THE MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE TEN BUSINESS DAYS TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THE REQUESTED RECORDS. AN ASSOCIATION MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR MAKING COPIES OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN CENTS PER PAGE.
- B. Books and records kept by or on behalf of the association and the board may be withheld from disclosure to the extent that the portion withheld relates to any of the following:
- 1. Privileged communication between an attorney for the association and the association.
 - 2. Pending or contemplated litigation.
- 3. Meeting minutes or other records of a session of a board meeting that is not required to be open to all members pursuant to section 33-1248.

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- 4. Personal, health and OR financial records of an individual member of the association, an individual employee of the association or an individual employee of a contractor for the association, INCLUDING RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PERSONAL, HEALTH OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION.
- 5. Records relating to the job performance of, compensation of, health records of or specific complaints against an individual employee of the association or an individual employee of a contractor of the association who works under the direction of the association.
- C. The association shall not be required to disclose financial and other records of the association if disclosure would violate any state or federal law.
- D. This section does not apply to an association for a timeshare plan that is subject to chapter 20 of this title.
 - Sec. 3. Section 33-1804, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 33-1804. Open meetings; exceptions
- A. Notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, bylaws or other documents to the contrary, all meetings of the association and board of directors are open to all members of the association or any person designated by a member in writing as the member's representative and all members or designated representatives so desiring shall be permitted to attend and speak at an appropriate time during the deliberations and proceedings. The board may place reasonable time restrictions on those persons speaking during the meeting but shall permit a member or member's designated representative to speak before the board takes formal action on an item under discussion in addition to any other opportunities to speak. The board shall provide for a reasonable number of persons to speak on each side of an issue. Any portion of a meeting may be closed only if that closed portion of the meeting is limited to consideration of one or more of the following:
- 1. Legal advice from an attorney for the board or the association. On final resolution of any matter for which the board received legal advice or that concerned pending or contemplated litigation, the board may disclose information about that matter in an open meeting except for matters that are required to remain confidential by the terms of a settlement agreement or judgment.
 - 2. Pending or contemplated litigation.
- 3. Personal, health and OR financial information about an individual member of the association, an individual employee of the association or an individual employee of a contractor for the association, INCLUDING RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PERSONAL, HEALTH OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION.
- 4. Matters relating to the job performance of, compensation of, health records of or specific complaints against an individual employee of the association or an individual employee of a contractor of the association who works under the direction of the association.

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- Notwithstanding any provision in the community documents, all meetings of the association and the board shall be held in this state. A meeting of the association shall be held at least once each year. meetings of the association may be called by the president, by a majority of the board of directors or by members having at least twenty-five per cent, or any lower percentage specified in the bylaws, of the votes in the association. Unless otherwise provided in the articles or bylaws of the association, not fewer than ten nor more than fifty days in advance of any meeting of the members the secretary shall cause notice to be hand-delivered or sent prepaid by United States mail to the mailing address for each lot, parcel or unit owner or to any other mailing address designated in writing by a member. The notice shall state the time and place of the meeting. A notice of any special meeting of the members shall also state the purpose for which the meeting is called, including the general nature of any proposed amendment to the declaration or bylaws, changes in assessments that require approval of the members and any proposal to remove a director or an The failure of any member to receive actual notice of a meeting of the members does not affect the validity of any action taken at that meeting.
- C. Unless otherwise provided in the articles or bylaws of the association, for meetings of the board of directors that are held after the termination of declarant control of the association, notice to members of meetings of the board of directors shall be given at least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting by newsletter, conspicuous posting or any other reasonable means as determined by the board of directors. An affidavit of notice by an officer of the corporation is prima facie evidence that notice was given as prescribed by this section. Notice to members of meetings of the board of directors is not required if emergency circumstances require action by the board before notice can be given. Any notice of a board meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting. The failure of any member to receive actual notice of a meeting of the board of directors does not affect the validity of any action taken at that meeting.
 - Sec. 4. Section 33-1805, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 33-1805. <u>Association financial and other records</u>
- A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, all financial and other records of the association shall be made reasonably available for examination by any member or any person designated by the member in writing as the member's representative. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT CHARGE A MEMBER OR ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE MEMBER IN WRITING FOR MAKING MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE TEN BUSINESS DAYS TO FULFILL A REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION. ON REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF COPIES OR RECORDS BY ANY MEMBER OR ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE MEMBER IN WRITING AS THE MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE TEN BUSINESS DAYS TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THE REQUESTED RECORDS. AN ASSOCIATION MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR MAKING COPIES OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN CENTS PER PAGE.

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- B. Books and records kept by or on behalf of the association and the board may be withheld from disclosure to the extent that the portion withheld relates to any of the following:
- 1. Privileged communication between an attorney for the association and the association.
 - 2. Pending or contemplated litigation.
- 3. Meeting minutes or other records of a session of a board meeting that is not required to be open to all members pursuant to section 33-1804.
- 4. Personal, health and OR financial records of an individual member of the association, an individual employee of the association or an individual employee of a contractor for the association, INCLUDING RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PERSONAL, HEALTH OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION.
- 5. Records relating to the job performance of, compensation of, health records of or specific complaints against an individual employee of the association or an individual employee of a contractor of the association who works under the direction of the association.
- C. The association shall not be required to disclose financial and other records of the association if disclosure would violate any state or federal law.

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